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***STATEMENT REGARDING THE ASSOCIATED PRESS'  
JANUARY 14 ARTICLE***

The Associated Press' January 14 article about Governor Janet Napolitano's homeland security plan for Arizona is misleading.

The article attempts to portray Governor Napolitano as having neglected the plan. In reality, under Governor Napolitano's leadership, Arizona has made great strides in homeland security, and on achieving the plan specifically. Eight of the plan's ten points have been successfully achieved. The remaining two goals detailed in the Governor's plan are well underway, momentarily delayed only because of budget realities the state now faces during the current recession. Indeed, many of the points of her plan have become models for other States.

The purpose of the state homeland security plan was to provide a long-term, financially realistic blueprint for Arizona to follow in promoting homeland security. In reality, under Governor Napolitano's leadership, Arizona has been exceptionally productive and successful in meeting the identified goals.